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SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK OPERATIONS

REF: NEW DELHI 10778, HONG KONG 9346

1. THE GOI YESTERDAY REVOKED PRESS ACCREDITATION FOR NEWSWEEK AND ORDERED R. RAMANUJAM (ITS INDIAN NATIONAL) TO SURRENDER HIS CREDENTIALS.
2. THE CORRESPONDENT WAS ALSO TOLD TO BREAK OFF ALL ASSOCIATION WITH NEWSWEEK.
3. ADVISED BY FRIENDS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION THAT THIS LATER INSTRUCTION IS BEYOND THE LEGAL PURVIEW OF THE GOI, HE SAYS HE IS PRAGMATIC ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IF HE FAILS AT LEAST TO GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF DISAFFILIATION WITH NEWSWEEK THE VINDICTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE PM AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION WOULD SOON HAVE HIM IN JAIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ANY ONE OF A NUMBER OF EMERGENCY POWERS.
4. RAMANUJAM IS ATTEMPTING TO RETAIN GOVERNMENT-LEASED HOUSING BASED ON HIS ACCREDITATION TO TAMIL MURASU, A TAMIL LANGUAGE

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NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN SINGAPORE. HE HAS A PERIOD OF GRACE ON

THIS AND WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE GOI DECISION WITHIN THE MONTH.
HE REMAINS WITHOUT TELEPHONE SERVICE.

5. SUGGEST YOU PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO NEWSWEEK BUREAU.
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